

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Outdoor Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress - Outdoor Heritage Committee was held on Friday August 25, 2006 at Country Springs Hotel, 1501 Northpoint Drive, Stevens Point Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call.

Committee members present : Dustin Grant, Kevin Smaby, Scott Bestul, Jody Bigalke, Larry Bonde, Daniel Carroll, Todd Cook, Paul Hansen, Mark Hinz, Ron Krueger, Kyle Kulow, Scott Plocar, Mike Reese, Jim Shurts, Ronald Weber, and Gary Schenck (sitting in for Mark Judd)

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Committee members excused: David Mabie, Mark Judd

Committee members not excused: Timothy Carter, Jim Johnson, Joseph Miller, Sandy Naas, Kirk Olson, David Poff.

DNR staff present: Jon King, Mary Kay Salwey, Theresa Stabo, Kurt Thiede, Ann Marie Kutzke

Also present was WCC Chairman Edgar Harvey

The first order of business was a report from the DNR by Mary Kay Salwey on the progress of the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). There are now 45 NASP "Basic Archery Instructor Trainers" in WI. To train PE teachers in the state. There is between 75-100 schools participating in the NASP program so far. The challenge for the committee is to get more schools involved. The first annual state NASP tournament was held this year and despite bad weather 117 kids showed up. Mary Kay also passed out a DVD on the NASP to all committee members. Also a book on the Learning To Hunt Program was passed out.

Jon King gave us the next presentation which was an update on the Learn To Hunt Program. Program is designed for 10 year olds and up, most of the time 1 on 1 with a mentor, and with a waiver on the Hunter's Education requirement. Also mentioned was the 53 to 100 recruitment of new hunters (for every 100 hunters leaving the sport only 53 are replacing them. Jon announced that a Jr. at UW-Stevens Point will be driving this program, his name is Ben Motts.

Theresa Stabo was up next with an update on the Angler Education Program in the schools. There have been 19 training workshops involving about 200 teachers mainly done at conventions, teachers receive credit for attending workshops. There are now 42 tackle loaner stations throughout the state to aid with Angler Ed. Programs.

Dustin Grant posed the question after these presentations as to what “we” can do to promote these programs? Ideas were: get Fishing & Hunting clubs involved in promoting; approach schools and teachers in our own personal areas; getting other WCC delegates involved with promotion.

Next on the agenda was the review and approval of previous meeting’s minutes. Motion, second and unanimous vote.

Kurt Theide gave the committee an update on the “Wall of Fame” trailer and it’s contents. All contents of the trailer are now inventoried and the list is in the trailer. Mark Hinz volunteered to be the coordinator of the trailer and “Wall of Fame” where it is going and when.

Dustin next gave the committee a report on the Youth Expo. Thought to be a great success with appx. 3200 students and 600 teachers and chaperones on Friday and about 1000 people on Saturday. Dustin announced that he would have to step down as the steering committee representative and organizer. No volunteers, so decided to do as committee not just one person. Ron Krueger volunteered to coordinate with the “Native Americans” on bigger demonstration next year. Kevin Smaby volunteered to coordinate with “Rondezvousers” on their possible participation next year. More help and ideas for the village are welcomed.

Next on agenda was resolutions.

Resolution 320106: Motion and second to reject. The DNR is already taking action on this issue. Unanimous vote to reject.

Resolution 320106: Motion and second to reject. We thought there is a real safety issue with driving with a loaded firearm and discharging a firearm from a moving vehicle. Committee agrees with intent of resolution but can’t agree with safety concerns. Resolution rejected.

Resolution 600206: Motion and second to reject. Motion failed. Discussion centered on the issue of another way to get people into the outdoors no matter how few they may be. Motion and second to approve resolution. Motion passed.

Other business: We need to support and push to get the age lowered to use a firearm on a licensed range and private property and also on lowering the hunting age.

Motion to support mentoring of under age hunters to be presented in Legislation this year, seconded and passed with 1 nay.

Motion to adjourn , seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:45pm.

Submitted , Kevin Smaby secretary Outdoor Heritage Committee